

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the originally filed abstract with the following amended abstract:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A closing body (3) which is mounted in a housing (2) in such a way that it can be axially displaced and can be pressed out of an opening position against a valve seat (4) into a closing position. ~~Said~~ The closing body (3) is rotationally symmetrical and ~~comprises,~~ includes, on its outer diameter (D1) in relation to its cross-section, two outer wall sections (5, 5') which meet at an angle of less than 180°. In this way, a surrounding interference edge (26) is formed, favouring turbulence in the flow and thus a rapid increase in the dynamic pressure. When the closing body is embodied as a hollow body, a spring action also occurs, damping the closing movement.

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Amendments to the Disclosure

Please replace published paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a shut-off device, especially an explosion protection valve ~~as claimed in the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please replace published paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] An object of the invention is therefore to provide a shut-off device of the type stated in the introduction, in which the build-up of a critical dynamic pressure at the closing body is promoted without, in normal operation, impairing the flow. ~~This object is achieved according to the invention with a shut-off device having the features defined in claim 1.~~